(c)(i) Daily Serials—23 Nos.

(ii) News Magazine.—5 Nos

(iii) Hard Talks.—1 No.

(d) Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta mounts 7 news bulletins daily—6 in Bengali and 1 in Urdu. Out of these 5 are of 10 minutes duration, one is of 5 minutes duration and one is of 15 minutes duration. Besides the above, Assembly review for 5 minutes is telecast daily when the Assembly is in session. A current affairs programme of 30 minutes duration is also mounted on Saturday. News related and magazine programmes for a duration of 2 hours 10 minutes per week are also produced. Thus, the News Section of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta is contributing to programmes totalling 12 hours per week including the 5 minutes per day Assembly review telecast during Assembly session. As against this work load, News Section of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta has 3 Assistant News Editors, 5 Correnspondent/Reporters, 2 Assistant Station Directors, 1 Programme Executive and 5 Production Assistants for the production of above programmes. 21 Casual Workers are exclusively engaged on rotational basis for writing and producing Urdu News.

(e) As per present policy of the Government, the State Governments are not allowed to have run their own channels.

Telecasting of Sports events on Doordarshan channel

71. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) how many sports events have been telecasted during last one year on Doordarshan Sports and National channel by giving royalty money to organizers;

(b) how money was spent in each case and name of the sport; and

(c) how many sports events have been telecasted during last one year on Doordarshan Sports and National channel without charging the organizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.